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BURN BAN SUSPENSION FOR HIGHER ELEVATIONS OF TEHAMA COUNTY

RED BLUFF – Due to the menace of wildfires and their potential to destroy life and property, the Tehama-Glenn Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Tehama County Fire Department (TCFD) will suspend debris burning for the east side of Tehama County, which includes the communities of Mineral, Childs Meadows, Deer Creek, and Mill Creek on July 1, 2011 until the end of summer preparedness staffing levels (Fire Season). The burn ban went into effect for the rest of Tehama County and State Responsibility Areas (SRA) of Glenn County June 1, 2010.

Agricultural, forest management, and other industrial type burning may proceed if an authorized fire official inspects the area and issues a special permit. Always check with the Air Pollution Control District to verify if it is a legal burn day prior to starting any burn. Campfires will be allowed in designated campgrounds with permission of the jurisdictional authority and a valid campfire permit. Experience has shown that suspending burning is an effective way of preventing wildfire escapes, especially as Tehama and Glenn Counties enter a period of hotter and drier weather. Although all fires cannot be prevented through a burning suspension, the number of fires can be significantly reduced.

CAL FIRE reminds homeowners that this is the time they can help protect their homes and families, as well as firefighters, by providing 100 feet of defensible space around all structures. To ensure residents are ready to evacuate early and safely when wildfire strikes visit www.fire.ca.gov or www.ReadyForWildfire.org